
Subject: Re: mpeg

Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Thu, 22 May 2003 21:44:19 GMT

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"David Fanning" <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message
news:MPG.1936aa46109cd14a989bad@news.frii.com...

> David Chevrier (David.Chevrier@noaa.gov) writes:

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>> hi - i know its possible to create mpegs using 5.6, but how about

>> reading them in. i'm trying to do something like open an mpeg and

>> take a jpeg snapshot of that mpeg at certain time intervals... say one

>> jpeg per second of mpeg. any idea if this can be done in idl?

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> Oh, I'm sure it *can* be done in IDL. But if your question

> is really "Is it worth my time to do it in IDL?", then I think

> the answer is "No". (The answer is probably "Hell no", but I'm

> trying to clean up my act a little bit.)

I agree entirely. (That you need to clean up your act.)

> Get yourself a good MPEG player that can stop the movie

> where you want it and a good screen shot utility. There

> are lots for free or for little money on the web. You

> will be a LOT happier. :-)

For this sort of thing, I tend to favour ImageMagick, which is a
cross-platform suite of largely command-line tools. It supports what it
calls "delegates" for formats that it doesn't understand natively and last
time I looked it bundled simple MPEG endoder and decoder delegates.

<http://www.imagemagick.org/>

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